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Central Wisconsin school funding reform community group gains support from around the state

Stevens Point, WI, 2/13/2013 – School Funding Reform for Wisconsin, a grassroots community organization based in Stevens Point, is continuing its challenge to state legislators to change the way Wisconsin’s public schools are funded. “Last month we urged state legislators to approve and enact Superintendent Evers’ plan ‘Fair Funding for Our Future’,” explained School Funding member Jeri McGinley. “Since then, the Department of Administration has released an estimate of 2013-15 revenue that shows that Wisconsin has the money to reinvest in public schools, enact ‘Fair Funding for Our Future’, and provide for other priorities.”

School Funding Reform for Wisconsin was joined by a growing number of organizations this week in asking all state legislators to respond to a set of questions about ‘Fair Funding’ (<http://www.reformwi.org/our-progress.html>). McGinley explained, “With Governor Walker’s budget address scheduled for next week, School Funding members and our partners want to make sure state legislators are fully aware of ‘Fair Funding’ and what it will offer to our children, schools and communities.”

Jasmine Alinder, President of Parents for Public Schools of Milwaukee, pointed out that the Legislative Fiscal Bureau did an analysis of ‘Fair Funding’. “The Legislative Fiscal Bureau concluded that ‘Fair Funding’ works for school districts, students and taxpayers,” Alinder said. “There is no financial justification to not put our children first.”

School Funding Reform for Wisconsin formed in 2010 to focus attention on the need for school funding reform for K-12 education in Wisconsin. Based in Stevens Point, this grassroots organization is an all-volunteer effort that is reaching out to other groups in the state that share its concern about public school funding. For more information, contact Jeri McGinley at 715-344-9525 or reformwi@gmail.com. School Funding Reform for Wisconsin has both a website (www.reformwi.org) and a Facebook page (School Funding Reform for Wisconsin).

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